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**Statement of Secretary Donald L. Evans Regarding the
Anticipated Reduction in the Undercount for the 2000 Census**

“The promotional materials for the 2000 census carried the phrase ‘Strength in Numbers.’ I could not be more pleased with the strength of these numbers.

“While I can’t take credit, let me offer my praise. The taxpayers contributed more than \$6 billion. The career staff involved in the head count proved they were up to a decennial exercise as old as the nation. Almost one million temporary workers braved the weather and worked weekends. They set ambitious goals and exceeded them.

“Former Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt has called the 2000 census ‘the most accurate headcount in the nation’s history.’ The numbers released this morning confirm he is exactly right.”